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DATE: July 16, 1998
TO: LONG TERM CARE PROVIDERS
FROM: JOHN W. HATHAWAY, Chief
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SUBJECT: STATE DESIGNATED RAI INSTRUMENT

We have received written confirmation from HCFA approving modification of the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) effective on June 22, 1998. These changes were communicated to you during the statewide MDS automation transmission training conducted in March and April of this year. However we wanted to take this opportunity to provide written specifications. The state-specified instrument as of June 22, 1998, is:

- The core instrument will be the 1/30/98 update of the RAI version 2.0.
- The quarterly assessment will be the RUG III 1997 version.
- Sections T and U will be required for all complete (initial, annual and significant change) assessments regardless of payer type.

Please share this information with your software vendors so that they may make the appropriate programming accommodations.

If you have questions, please contact Debby Ransom, Loretta Todd, or Eileen Wardle at (208) 334-6626.

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